

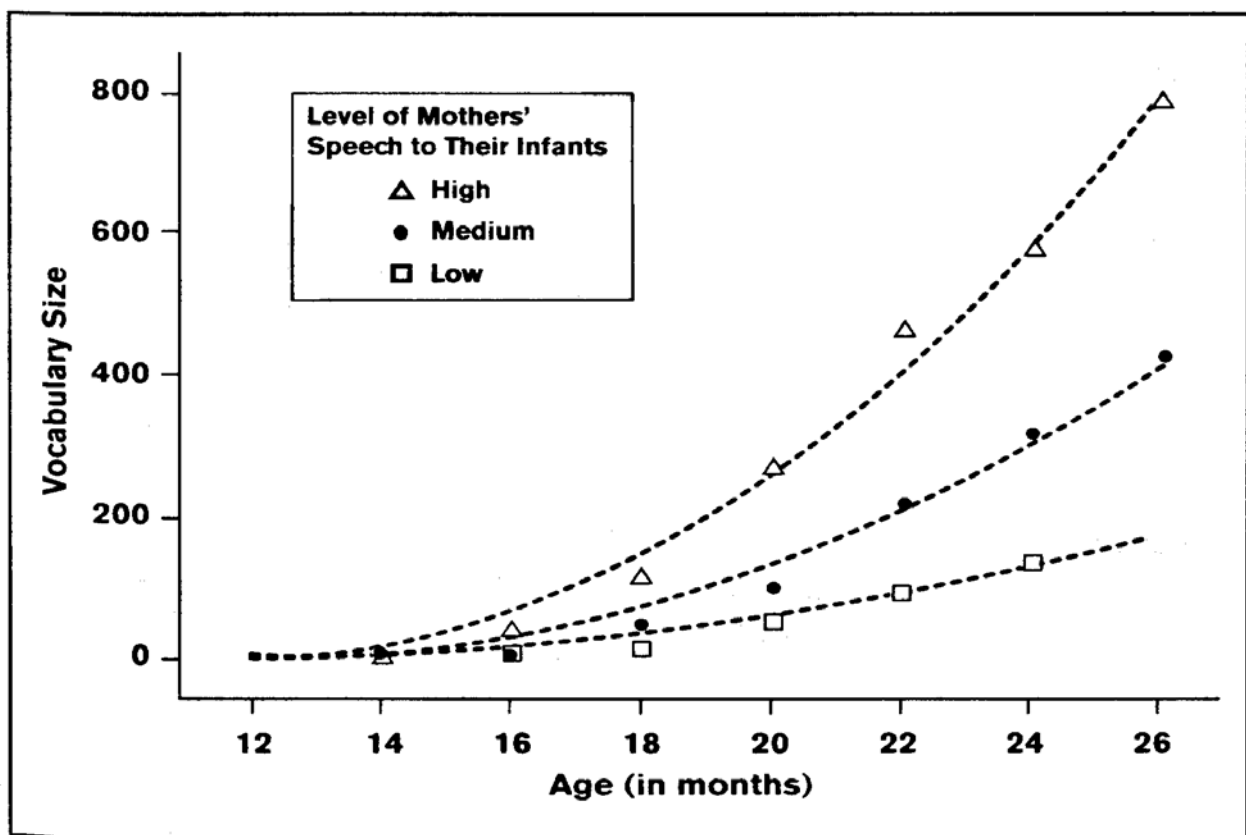
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This research illustrates the fact that mothers who have a high level of speech (language interactions per hour) have children with many more vocabulary words than children of mothers who have a low level of speech.

Note the increase in the difference between low and high level of speech as time goes by.

The gap gets larger and larger as time goes by. The difference is even greater by the time the children reach third grade.

### EFFECTS OF MOTHERS' SPEECH ON INFANT VOCABULARY



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